

# CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

ELKO, NEVADA



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## Calendar of Interpretive Programs April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	4 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	5 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	6 John Bidwell 1841 2:00pm
7 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	11 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	12 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	13 Mormon Station 1:30pm
14 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	15 Closed	16 Closed	17 Hazards of the Trail By Request	18 Sage Grouse 7:00pm	19 Hazards of the Trail By Request	20 Get Ready to Go 11:00am William Coray 1:00pm
21 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	25 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	26 Any presentation by request and depending on availability	27 The Hastings Cutoff 2:00pm
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Open Wednesday through Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:**

All programs are approximately 20 to 40 minutes

Special Programs may run longer

Schedule subject to change

**John Bidwell - 1841** – Learn about the incredible trip of the Bidwell-Bartleson Party. Park Ranger Mike Blunk relates the story of the first emigrants to make it overland to California.

**Mormon Station** – Mormon Station State Historic Park Supervisor Suzanne Sturtevant will discuss the settlement and growth of Mormon Station, the first permanent non-Indian settlement in Nevada. Located along the California Trail, at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Mormon Station grew into a settlement that later became known as “Genoa”. Hear about the Pony Express, Snowshoe Thompson (the famous Norwegian “mailman of the Sierra”), the famous stagecoach driver Hank Monk, the devastating fire of 1910, and more. The presentation will conclude with information about what’s happening in Genoa today.

**Sage Grouse** - Kent McAdoo, Natural Resources Specialist with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, will make an illustrated presentation on the importance of integrating both historic and scientific knowledge as management decisions are made about sage-grouse. McAdoo and his co-investigator George Gruell, retired U.S. Forest Service biologist, maintain that solutions to the sage-grouse habitat conservation challenge should be informed by both science and history.

**Get Ready to Go!** - Travel back to 1846 with a short two act play, “Get Ready to Go.” Frank and Mary Ann Tortorich, of Pine Grove, CA, play Sylvester and Annamae Hale who are planning to travel west on the Overland Trail. Stay afterwards to look and touch the items and visit with the Hales about their journey.

**William Coray** – Join us for Frank Tortorich’s emotional Chautauqua about William Coray, a member of the Mormon Battalion who blazed the Carson route over the Sierras. Many experiences will be shared: being driven from Nauvoo in 1846, discovery of gold, and life in infant Salt Lake City in 1848.

**The Hastings Cutoff** – Was it faster and safer to take a cutoff? Find out with Ranger Dennis Groneman as he explores the history, geography, and journey along the infamous Hastings Cutoff.

**Hazards of the Trail** – Join us for a guided tour through the dioramas and learn about the hazards that emigrants faced during each phase of their journey west. No trip is without its trials.

**Stuck in the Muck** – Things didn’t always go as planned. Join Ranger Tiffany Cusick for a discussion of what could happen if you miscalculated what was needed for a 2000 mile long camping trip.

**Trails Ahead** – Did you know you can preserve the California Trail for future generations to enjoy? Interpretive Specialist, Shania Cook will teach you how to “Tread Lightly” and spot signs of civilization in the Great Basin.

**Great Basin Indian Baskets** – Before the arrival of Europeans, Indians throughout northern Nevada were able to use the resources of the Great Basin to meet their needs. Listen to Historian Jan Petersen describe how the Native people used the resources at hand to produce baskets that had form, function, and beauty.

## **Other ACTIVITIES**

Hiking Trails, Pack Your Wagon, Try on Period Clothing, Joe’s Rubbing Table, & Student Activity Book.

**In the South Fork Room:** Special interest videos on historical subjects, regional interest topics, and natural history are shown upon request. Ask for the list of available titles.